

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) Halogen-free, flame-retardant composition comprising at least either (1) or (1') below:

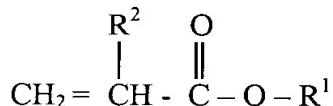
(1) an organic phosphorous compound (A), and melamine or a compound derived from melamine (B), or

(1') a melamine-phosphorous compound (AB),
and further comprising

(2) a polymer compound (C) comprising at least one type of olefin monomer having 2-12 carbon atoms and

(3) 0.1-30 weight % relative to the weight of the polymer compound (C) of at least one compound comonomer containing acid, acid anhydride or epoxy groups.

2. (Previously amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a polymer obtained by copolymerizing E, X and Y compounds, wherein E is ethylene, X is a compound having the formula



where

R^1 = alkyl radical having 1-8 carbon atoms

R^2 = H, CH_3 or C_2H_5

and Y is glycidyl (alkyl)acrylate.

3. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate, ethylene/acrylic ester/maleic anhydride, ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate, ~~ethylene/methacrylic acid~~
~~ethylene/methacrylic acid~~, propylene/maleic anhydride or propylene/acrylic acid polymer.

4. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 3, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

5. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 4, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/methylmethacrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate ethylene/methylacrylate/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

6. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer modified with maleic anhydride.

7. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~comprising~~ wherein the organic phosphorous ~~component~~ compound (A) or the melamine-phosphorous compound (AB) selected from is a phosphate, a phosphinate and or a phosphonate.

8. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 7, wherein the ~~component~~ compound (B) or (AB) is selected from melamine, melamine cyanurate, melamine phosphate, melam, melem and mixtures or mixture thereof.

9. (Previously Amended) Polycondensate composition comprising the flame retardant composition according to Claim 1, and further comprising a polyester or polyamide.

10. (Previously Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 9, comprising a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, polyphenylene terephthalate, and polybutylene naphthalate.

11. (Previously Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 9, comprising a polyamide selected from the group consisting of polyamide-6, polyamide-6,6, and polyamide-4,6.

12. (Currently Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 9 further comprising an organic inorganic filler.

13. (Currently Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 12, wherein the inorganic filler is glass fibre fiber.

14. (Currently Amended) Polyester composition comprising at least:

- an organic phosphate or phosphonate; or
- melamine cyanurate, melamine phosphate, melam, melem, or mixtures thereof; and further comprising

- an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate polymer;
- glass ~~fibres~~ fibers; and
- a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, polyphenylene terephthalate, and polybutylene naphthalate.

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15. (Currently Amended) Polyester composition comprising at least:

- an organic phosphate or phosphonate; or
- melamine cyanurate, melamine phosphate, melam, melem, or mixtures thereof; and further comprising
- an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate polymer; glass ~~fibres~~ fibers; and

a polyamide selected from the group consisting of polyamide-6, polyamide-6,6, and polyamide-4,6.

16. (Previously canceled)

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

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